AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

BCG Vaccination

57. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BCG vaccination is a part of the expanded programme of Immunisation and ANMs are entrusted with the task of immunisation;

(b) what is the percentage of coverage of BCG vaccination under the expanded programme of immunisation;

(c) whether any survey had been conducted to find out allergic reactions to BCG vaccination; if so, the number of such reactions, year-wise, during the last three years; and

(d) whether there is any national infrastructure to minotor and evaluate implementation of the programme, regarding delivery techniques, efficiency of vaccine-storage, transportation and potency of vaccines; if so, the details of their findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated coverage level for the BCG, for the year 1988-89 is 79.54% of the eligible population i.e. infants.

(c) An ulceration and scar is an expected reaction for BCG vaccination. A scar rate of 85% or above was noted in 74 surveys out of a total of 103 Coverage Evaluation Surveys during 1988.

(d) Universal Immunization Programme including BCG vaccination is implemented by the State health authorities. The Central Government assists States and UTs by training senior personnel, providing prototype health education material, supply of vaccines and cold storage equipment and a limited support for superviory staff. Vaccination Coverage Evaluation Surveys are organised to confirm vaccination coverage levels and to determine the reasons for imcomplete immunization. The results of these surveys shows a wide range of immunization coverage levels in the districts. Public awareness about the benefits of the programme and services available is being improved through various health education and communication initiatives. Health infrastructure is also being strengthened to reach high levels of immunization coverage and to sustain these levels. The State Governments have been advised to step up field monitoring of services.

Outbreak of Cholera in Narela, Delhi

58. SHRI RAM A A HESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cholera has broken out in Narela area of Delhi, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 2nd July, 1989; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any responsibility has been fixed in the matter and those responsible therefor have been suitably dealt with?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFA RE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Government has seen the news item. According to the survey conducted by the

National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi, 10 cases of cholera were reported from Narela Zone as positive, during May-June, 1989. No contact cases were detected in the area and no deaths occurred.

(b) Delhi Administration has investigated the matter and found some deficiencies in chlorination. Seven persons including one Assistant Engineer have been suspended on account of defaults in ensuring regular and adequate chlorination.

Excluding of telephone services from COPRA

59. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecommunications Department has issued a circular recently to the State Telecom. circles stating that telephone services are not goverened by Consumers Protection Act (COPRA); and

(b) if so,what are the reasons for excluding telephone services from COPRA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The circular was issued after consulting the Law Ministry. The matter is, however, pending before the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.

Prevention against Gastroenteritis in the Capital

60. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any preventive meaures have since been taken by Goernment against breaking out of gastroenteritis cases during the current rainy season in the Capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Yes. The following preventive measures have been taken to prevent the spread of gastro-enteritis in the capital:

(i) Supply of safe drinking water in all areas both through tankers to the JJ clusters and individual water connections in resettlement colonies and regularised un-authorised colonies. Also installation of deep hand pumps in JJ clusters;

(ii) Shallow hand pumps have been made de-operationalised in the areas where these pumps were located in close proximity of sullage and swamps. Those pumps whi ch could not be removed, have been painted red indicating as unsafe;

(iii) Cleaning of septic tanks of community latrines and establishments of sulabh sochalayas in selected areas;

(iv) Removal of garbage & desilting of drains;

(v) Distribution of Hallogen tablets to ensure chlorinated drinking water;

(vi) Extensive health education campaign and promotion of oral rehydration therapy through distribution of ORS packets through All Government/Semi Government an private hospitals and dispensaries;